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FARMERS' PASSES

It appears that the Herald stirred up the animals around Republican headquarters in Nashville by the publication of a short item to the effect that any farmer in Putnam county wanting to attend the farmers' institute in Nashville should write Hon. Oscar Bussell for a pass.

The Hon. Capt. Peck, Esq., commissioner of agriculture by grace of one Hooper, reared up on his hind legs and swore there was no politics in his arduous work of sending out passes. Hon. Rutledge Smith wrote a letter to the valiant captain, giving vent to the vain imagination that the Herald had lied, and horror of horrors—the Tennessean, organ of the political holy rollers, wasted a column of its valuable space in pouring out its wrath upon our devoted head. It actually charged that the aforesaid brief and innocent notice was a diabolical attempt to prevent farm work in Tennessee and also hidden political infernal machine. Verily a guilty conscience makes cowards of the whole gang.

The item referred to was not inspired by anybody. It was entirely the product of the editor's fertile brain. It was printed for the purpose of letting Democrats find out that no member of that party in Putnam county was considered to be a farmer by Peck, Smith, Bussell & Co. We will send the Herald a year to any actual Democrat in this county who got a pass to the institute from this illustrious firm of political brokers. Also suggest that the gentlemen allow their anger to subside long enough to inform us for publication who made out the list of passes sent to Putnam county for this farmers meeting, if it was not Hon. Oscar Bussell.

CITY WATER AGAIN

The item appearing in last week's Herald in regard to the waterworks has created much comment. Citizens generally are pleased, but we learn that some members of the board of aldermen are not. In fact that they are quietly denouncing the publication and stating that no money will be spent.

If this is true it is solely because of the statement made by the Herald.

If it was not intended to spend money why was authority sought for several months and finally secured for that purpose?

One plan was to build a reservoir on private property, pipe water into it from a spring, install a gasoline engine to pump water from thence to the main reservoir at the power house. In our opinion to have done this would have cost some money.

Tax-payers should attend the regular meeting of the board next Monday night and learn more about the water question, and other important matters that will be discussed at that time.

WHAT CLARK SAID

Speaker Clark said recently "Any statement by anybody that I ever said anything justifying the conclusion that I am, or ever was, in favor of forcible annexation of Canada is not only false but absolutely preposterous. I have expressed the hope of a union of the two countries by mutual consent and for the benefit of both, and did at Fremont, Nebraska, in answering a question from a man in the audience, say that ninety-ninth of the people of the United States would welcome such a union by mutual consent but part of my answer—that is a reference to a union by mutual consent and for the benefit of both countries—was left out of the dispatch and certain newspapers for political effects and to promote the fortune of certain men, maliciously twisted what I said into a meaning contrary to what was meant. The Canadians are opposed to a union and that's the end of it."

THE PRIMARY

The Democratic primary held last Saturday was a very quiet and most successful one. About 2,000 votes were cast, peace and good will prevailing.

The only thing that we would suggest is that next time the Dortch ballot be used in the First District, if not in all the county.

R. L. Rash was nominated by an overwhelming majority for sheriff.

O. N. Draper was re-nominated for trustee by about 20 votes.

Chas. R. Countiss won the race for tax assessor by about 100 votes.

Democracy has named a strong county ticket. The Herald is for them tooth and toe-nail.

The defeated candidates, as well as the winners made a clean race. They have won the respect of all—a mighty handy thing to have around.

The absconding trustee of Fentress County is described as "one of the most prominent Republicans of the upper Cumberland section." He has been Sheriff and trustee for the past ten years and was regarded as one of the leading business men of the county. The amount of his shortage

is estimated at about \$8,000. He is not known to have been engaged in speculation of any magnitude, and though he has a wife and five small children the report says that "a woman has figured in his trouble."—Nashville Democrat.

In 1910 the United States excelled all other countries of the world in the conversion of raw asbestos into manufactured products, but a very small percentage—less than 1 per cent of the asbestos used—was mined in this country, by far the larger part being imported from Canada. The total production in the United States for 1910 according to the Geological Survey, was valued at \$63,357; the imports of raw material from Canada were valued at more than fifteen times that amount.

Last year's production of distilled liquors amounted to 175,402, 395, gallons about 7,000,000 gallons more than in the previous banner year, 1907. The production of beer, ale, etc., was 63,216, 851, some 4,000,000, barrels more than last year, which was the record year. These internal revenue statistics do not indicate that the country is going dry as fast as the maps of the cold water folks seem to show.—Nashville Democrat.

There is no politics allowed in farmers' institutes under Gov. Hooper, but the one held in Nashville this week passed resolutions endorsing that gentleman and demanding the retention and enforcing of the state-wide law. Shameful! Rotten!

Congress met Monday in regular session and will devote its entire time this winter in playing politics and seeking advantage for the presidential campaign next year.

Honor Belongs to Pilgrim Fathers.

Long before the advent of the Pilgrims in Massachusetts all rituals contained expressions of gratitude to God for his mercies. In that of the Church of England special prayers were provided for the Sunday service. This service, however, must be carefully distinguished from the Thanksgiving day of the Pilgrim fathers. Failure to make this distinction has led to the groundless claim that the Pilgrim colonists were "the first to keep Thanksgiving day" in America. The service at Monhegan, on which this claim is based, was the regular Sunday service of the Church of England; and while it had an element of thanksgiving, the day can in no wise be regarded as a Thanksgiving day as that term is understood. Contemporary evidence refutes all claim to the contrary.

L. A. Swafford of Henard has lost a two year old red heifer and a yearling red steer. No mark or brand on them but have labels in right ear. Will pay reward for information leading to their recovery.

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It is further ordered that this notice be published for four consecutive weeks in the Putnam County Herald.

This Dec. 7th, 1911.

V. E. BOCKMAN,

Clerk and Master.

By Algood Carlen, D. C. & M. 49-41

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